

Leod must have attracted attention. We selected or were, rather, selected by one of the cabmen and driven immediately to the Snedden house.

Craig and I had decided to pose as two newspaper men from New York, that being the easiest way to account for any undue interest we might show in things.

The powder company's plant was situated on a large tract of land which was surrounded by a barbed wire fence, six feet high and constructed in a manner very similar to the fences in protecting prison camps in war times. At various places along the several miles of fence gates were placed, with armed guards.

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learned, was patrolled day and night by armed guards.

A mile or so from the plant, or just outside the main gate, quite a settlement had grown up, like a mushroom, almost overnight—the product of a flood of new one one house for some distance about—that of the Sneidens. But now there were in the learned product of the several of the powders commonly used.

"You mentioned something about rumors of poisonous gases," hinted Craig, as we walked along.

"Yes," assented MacLeod; "I don't know to a local drug store, which combined to mean the first of a general what there is a very poisonous gas, carbon mosoxide or carbonic oxide, formed doard of the powders commonly used.

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a peculiar, faint, whirring noise in the sir." he remarked, thoughtfully. "I thought of having the men on the watch for airships, but they've never seen a trace of one. It might be some nower either like this," he added, shaking the that which mr. Jameson suggests."

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